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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/549,848
Filed: April 14, 2000
Title: Nucleic Acid Sequences to Proteins Involved in
Tocopherol Synthesis
Inventors: LASSNER *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16516.105

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. an Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 and 11 accompanying references; and
3. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. If, however, any fees are due in conjunction with this filing, including any extension of time fees required to prevent abandonment, then such extension is hereby petitioned and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-1824 referencing docket number 16515.105. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "D. Marsh".

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Enclosures

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

The attention of the Examiner is invited to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

CERTIFICATION AND/OR FEE

Applicants certify that each of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement and, therefore, no fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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